



My boyfriend is the type of man you read and see about in fairy tales and romantic comedy movies. Yes, he is real, and he is mine. He was also a student at this time and we both lived with our parents. I knew having a baby was not in his plan right then, but I know he would have done whatever I wanted. He was just always so supportive as he has always been.

We googled where to buy a pregnancy test and after reading so many blogs online, many mentioned you need at least 4 to fully make sure you are pregnant. I don't know if this is true. He bought four pregnancy tests and I used all of them - all came back positive. This is the emotional stuff that I am going to leave out of the story. The emotions belong to my partner and I. Maybe one day, we will share but right now we will not.

I am a Punjabi woman that comes from a traditional conservative background. I knew my parents would be disappointed and I would have made their worst nightmare come to life. No Punjabi parent wants their daughter to get pregnant before marriage as it is looked down upon in our community. Within the Punjabi community, there is still a strong stigma about premarital sex and becoming pregnant out of wedlock. I did not feel comfortable going to my family doctor because his entire staff, and himself, are Indian. I was worried they would judge me. Although patient confidentiality exists, I was terrified someone in the Indian community would somehow find out and tell my parents. What I actually ended up doing was searching online for clinics in Vancouver, and the first link that popped up was the Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic. I felt some relief that there was actually information

out there. I felt so much more relief when I was able to book my ultrasound and abortion procedure all online through email. It was discrete and all digital; I didn't need to go to my family doctor.

When I was pregnant, I searched the shit out of everything on Google.

What does a fetus look like at nine weeks? Can it feel pain? What will happen during the abortion? Why didn't Plan-B work? How effective are condoms? Are abortions painful? How depressed will I feel afterwards? Reproductive justice? Will I regret this? Can I get pregnant again? I have to see a counsellor before the procedure? **WHY DID PEOPLE USE COAT HANGERS!!!** Use black cohosh to help induce a miscarriage. Is this covered under MSP? What the fuck... no contraceptive is 100% effective? There are people out there who say I'm going to hell? Who's Elizabeth Bagshaw?

Yeah... I came across a lot of negative, positive and absolute bullshit on the internet when it came to abortion information. This piece showcases my journey starting from my room, to pro-life discussions online, then pro-choice and reproductive justice information. It then leads into actually finding out about the Elizabeth Bagshaw clinic, having the abortion and ending back in my room.

